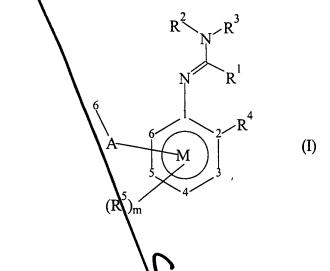
"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

CLAIMS (All New):

A method of combating fungi at a locus infested or liable to be infested therewith, 24. which comprises applying to the locus a compound of general formula I or a salt thereof



wherein

R¹ is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl, each of which is optionally substituted, or hydrogen;

R² and R³, which may be the same or different, are any group defined for R¹; cyano; acyl; -OR^a or -\(\frac{1}{2} \)R^a, where R^a is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl, each of which is optionally substituted;

or R² and R³, or R² and R¹, together with their interconnecting atoms form a ring, which is optionally substituted;

R⁴ is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl, each of which may be optionally substituted; hydroxy; mercapto; azido nitro; halogen; cyano; acyl; optionally substituted amino; cyanato; thiocyanato; -SF₅; -OR^a; -SR^a or-Si(R^a)₃;

m is O to 3;

when present, each individual R5 is a group defined for R4;

R⁶ s optionally substituted carbo- or heterocyclyl; and

A is a direct bond, -O-, -S(O)_n-, -NR⁹-, -CR⁷=CR⁷-, -C=C-, -A¹-, -A¹-A¹-,

 $-O-(A^1)_k-O-$, $-O-(A^1)_k-$, $-A^3-$, $-A^4-$, $-A^1O-$, $-A^1S(O)_n-$, $-A^2-$, OA^2- , $-NR^9A^2-$, $-OA^2-A^1$,

 $-OA^2-C(R^7)=CR^8$)-, $-\frac{1}{2}(0)_nA^1$, $-A^1-A^4$ -, $-A^1-A^4-C(R^8)=N-N=CR^8$ -, $-A^1-A^4-C(R^8)=N-X^2-X^3$ -,

 $-A^1-A^4-A^3-$, $-A^1-A^4-N(R^9)-$, $-A^1-A^4-X-CH_2-$, $-A^1-A^4-A^1-$, $-A^1-A^4-CH_2X-$,

 $-A^{1}-A^{4}-C(R^{8})=N-X^{2}-X^{3}-X^{1}-, -A^{1}-X-C(R^{8})=N-, -A^{1}-X-C(R^{8})=N-N=CR^{8}-, -A^{1}-X-C(R^{8})=N-N(R^{9})-, -A^{1}-X-C(R^{8})=N-N-N=CR^{8}-, -A$

 $-A^{1}-X-A^{2}-X^{1}-$, $-A^{1}-O-A^{3}-A^{1}-O-C(R^{7})=C(R^{8})-$, $-A^{1}-O-N(R^{9})-A^{2}-N(R^{9})-$, $-A^{1}-O-N(R^{9})-A^{2}-N(R^{9})-$, $-A^{1}-O-N(R^{9})-A^{2}-N(R^{9})-$, $-A^{1}-O-N(R^{9})-A^{2}-N(R^{9})-$, $-A^{1}-O-N(R^{9})-A^{2}-N(R^{9})-$, $-A^{1}-O-N(R^{9})-A^{2}-N(R^{9})-$, $-A^{1}-O-N(R^{9})-$

 $-A^{1}-N(R^{9})-A^{2}-N(R^{9})-$, $-A^{1}-N(R^{9})-A^{2}-$, $-A^{1}-N(R^{9})-N=C(R^{8})-$, $-A^{3}-A^{1}-$, $-A^{4}-A^{3}-$, $-A^{2}-NR^{9}-$,

 $A^{1}-A^{2}-X^{1}-$, $-A^{1}-A^{1}-A^{2}-X^{1}-O-A^{2}-N(R^{9})-A^{2}-$, $-CR^{7}=CR^{7}-A^{2}-X^{1}-$, $-C=C-A^{2}-X^{1}-$, $-N=C(R^{8})-A^{2}-X^{1}-$, $-R=C(R^{8})-A^{2}-X^{1}-$, $-R=C(R^{8})-A^$

 $-C(R^8)=N-N=C(R^8)-$, $-C(R^8)=N-N(R^9)-$, $-(CH_2)_2-O-N=C(R^8)-$ or $-X-A^2-N(R^9)-$,

where n is 0, 1 or

k is 1 to 9,

A¹ is-CHR⁷-,

 A^{2} is -C(=X)-,

 A^3 is $-C(R^8)=N-O-$,

 A^4 is -O-N=C(R^8)-,

X is O or S,

X¹ is 0, S, NR⁹ or a direct bond,

X² is 0, NR⁹ or a direct bond,

 X^3 is hydrogen, -C(=0)-, $-SO_2$ - or a direct bond,

each individual R⁷ is alkyl, cycloalkyl or phenyl, each of which may be substituted; or is hydrogen, halogen, cyano or acyl;

each individual R⁸ is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, carbo- or heterocyclyl, each of which may be optionally substituted; or is hydrogen;

each individual R⁹ is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted carbo- or heterocyclyl, hydrogen or acyl; or two R⁹ groups on A, together with the connecting atoms, form a 5 to 7 membered ring;

where the moiety depicted on the right side of linkage A is attached to R6;



or A-R⁶ and R⁵ together with benzene ring M form an optionally substituted fused ring system.

- 25. The method according to claim 24 wherein R¹ is alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl, each of which is optionally substituted by alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio, halogen or optionally substituted phenyl; or is hydrogen.
 - 26. The method according to claim 24 wherein R^1 is C_1 - C_{10} alkyl or hydrogen.
- 27. The method according to claim 24 wherein R² and R³, which may be the same or different, are alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl, each of which is optionally substituted by alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, optionally substituted phenyl; or is hydrogen; alkoxy; alkoxy; benzyloxy; cyano; or alkylcarbonyl.
- 28. The method according to claim 27 wherein R^2 and R^3 , which may be the same or different, are C_1 - C_{10} alkyl or hydrogen.
- 29. The method according to claim 24 wherein R⁴ is alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl, each of which may be substituted by alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio, halogen or optionally substituted phenyl; or is hydroxy; halogen; cyano; acyl; alkoxy; haloalkoxy; or alkylthio.
 - 30. The method according to claim $2\sqrt[9]{}$ wherein R⁴ is C₁-C₁₀ alkyl or halogen.
 - 31. The method according to claim 24 wherein m is O or 1.
- 32. The method according to claim 24 wherein, R⁵ is alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl, each of which may be substituted by alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio, halogen or optionally substituted phenyl; or is hydroxy; halogen; cyano; acyl; alkoxy; haloalkoxy; or alkylthio.



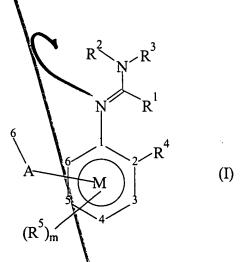
- 33. The method according to claim 24 wherein R⁵ is attached at the 5 position of ring M.
- 34. The method according to claim 24 wherein A is a direct bond, -O-, -S(O)_nA¹-, -O(A¹)_k-, -S(O)_n-, -NR⁹A²-, -A²-, -OA²-, -OA²-A¹-, -NR⁹- or -O(A¹)_kO-.
- 35. The method according to claim 34 wherein A is a direct bond, -O-, -S-, -NR⁹-, -CHR⁷- or -CHR⁷-.
- 36. The method according to claim 24 wherein, when present, R⁹ is alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl, each of which may be substituted by alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio, halogen or optionally substituted phenyl; or is hydrogen.
- 37. The method according to claim 24 wherein, when present, R⁷ is alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl, each of which may be subtrituted by alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio, halogen or optionally substituted phenyl; or is hydroxy; halogen; cyano; acyl; alkoxy; haloalkoxy; alkylthio; or hydrogen.
- 38. The method according to claim 24 wherein A is attached to the 4 position of benzene ring M.
- 39. The method according to claim 24 wherein R⁶ is optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted aromatic heterocyclyl.
- 40. The method according to claim 24 wherein R⁶ is substituted by one or more substituents, which may be the same or different, and selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbo or heterocyclyl, each of which is optionally substituted; hydroxy; mercapto; azido; nitro; halogen; cyano; acyl; optionally substituted amino; cyanato; thiocyanato;



 $-SF_5$; $-OR^a$; $-SR^a$ and $-Si(R^a)_3$, where R^a is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl, each of which is optionally substituted.

- 41. The method according to claim 40 wherein R⁶ is substituted by one or more substituents, which may be the same or different, and are selected from the group consisting of hydroxy; halogen; cyano; acyl; amino; alkylamino; dialkylamino; alkyl; haloalkyl; R^aO-alkyl; acyloxyalkyl; cyano-oxyalkyl; alkoxy; haloalkoxy; alkylthio; carbocyclyl, optionally substituted by alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy or alkylthio; and benzyl optionally substituted by alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy or alkylthio.
- 42. A method of combating fungi at a locus infested or liable to be infested therewith, which comprises applying to the locus a compound of general formula I or a salt thereof





wherein:

R¹ is alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl, each of which is optionally substituted by alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio, halogen or phenyl optionally substituted by alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio or halogen; or is hydrogen;

R² and R³, which may be the same or different, are as defined for R¹, or are alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, benzyloxy, cyano or alkylcarbonyl;

R⁴ is alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl, each of which is optionally substituted by alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthic, halogen or phenyl optionally substituted by alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthic or halogen; or is hydroxy; halogen; cyano; or acyl;

m is O or $\mathbb{1}$;

R⁵ is alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl, each of which is optionally substituted by alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio, halogen or phenyl optionally substituted by alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio or halogen; or is hydroxy; halogen; cyano; or acyl;

A is a direct bond, -O-, -S-, -NR9-, -CHR7- or -O-CHR7-,

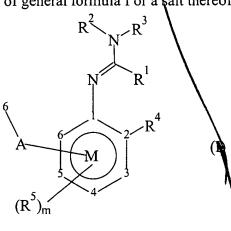
wherein, R⁹ is alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl, each of which may be substituted by alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio, halogen or phenyl optionally substituted by alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio, or halogen; or is hydrogen;

R⁷ is a group defined for R⁹, or is hydroxy; halogen; cyano; acyl; alkoxy; haloalkoxy or alkylthio;

A is attached to the 4 position of benzene ring M; and

R⁶ is phenyl or aromatic heterocyclyl, optionally substituted by one or more substituents, which may be the same or different, and is selected from the group consisting of hydroxy; halogen; cyano; acyl; amino; alkylamino; dialkylamino; alkyl; haloalkyl; R^aO-alkyl; acyloxyalkyl; cyano-oxyalkyl; alkoxy; haloalkoxy; alkylthio; carbocyclyl, optionally substituted by alkyl, haloalkyl, aikoxy, haloalkoxy or alkylthio; and benzyl optionally substituted by alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy or alkylthio.

43. A compound of general formula I or a salt thereof





wherein

R¹ is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl, each of which is optionally substituted or is hydrogen;

R² and R³, which may be the same or different, are any group defined for R¹, or together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a ring, which may be substituted;

R⁴ is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl, each of which is optionally substituted;

m is 1;

R⁵ is any group defined for R⁴ attached to the 5-position of the benzene ring M; R⁶ is optionally substituted carbo- or heterocyclyl;

A is a direct bond; -Q-; -S-; -NR9-,

where R⁹ is alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl, each of which may be substituted by alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio, halogentor optionally substituted phenyl; -CHR⁷- or-O-CHR⁷-, where R⁷ is alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl, which may be substituted by alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkylthio, halogen or phenyl optionally substituted by alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy or alkylthio; or is hydroxy; halogen; cyano; acyl; alkoxy; haloalkoxy; or alkylthio;

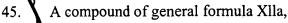
where -A-R⁶ is in the 4-position of the benzene ring M and the moiety depicted on the right side of linkage A is attached to R⁶;

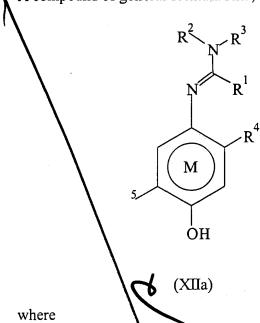
or -A-R⁶ and R⁵ together with benzene ring M form an optionally substituted fused ring system.

44. A fungicidal composition comprising at least one compound as claimed in claim 43 in admixture with an agriculturally acceptable diluent or carrier.











R¹ is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl, each of which is optionally substituted, or is hydrogen

R² and R³, which may be the same or different, are any group defined for R¹; cyano; acyl; -OR^a or-SR^a, where R^a is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl, each of which may be substituted; or R² and R³, or R² and R¹, together with their interconnecting atoms may form a ring, which is optionally substituted;

R⁴ is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl, each of which is optionally substituted; and

R⁵ is any group defined for R⁴ with the proviso that R⁵ is not tert-butyl.